

GOVERNMENT PRESS—APPOINTMENT OF
PROOF READER.

11. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names, community to which they belong (with the period of service they have put in in that post) of persons who have held the post of the Proof Reader (Temporary Establishment on a pay of Rs. 15 per mensem) in the Government Press;

(b) who is the appointing authority with regard to this post?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Vide list appended. (*Appendix II*).

(b) Secretary to Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Why is this appointment kept out of the purview of the Staff Selection Board? Is there any special reason?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No; there are certain appointments kept out of the purview of the Staff Selection Board. The Proof Reader on Rs. 15 happens to be one of them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What is the special reason?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The same reason that actuated Government in keeping out certain appointments out of the purview of the Staff Selection Board. There is no special reason.

SUPERINTENDENT—NEW GUEST HOUSE—ERNAKULAM.

12. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the name, qualification, previous service and pay of the Superintendent of the new Guest House at Ernakulam;

(b) when was he appointed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (1) Name—Mr. W. V. Hellein.

(2) Qualification—Matriculate.

(3) Previous service—Manager of Messrs. Wrenn Bennet and Co., Madras and its various branches for about 30 years.

(4) (i) Previous pay Rs. 350 plus commission on sales about Rs. 40-50 per mensem.

(ii) Present pay Rs. 150.

(b) 1st September 1938.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Was this information referred to in clauses 3 & 4 received from the employer of Mr. Hellein? Wherefrom did the Government get this information?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): From Mr. Hellein himself.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): What are the qualifications required for holding the post of the Superintendent of the Guest House?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There is no prescribed qualification.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Am I to take that the Government has not prescribed any qualifications for the post?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): In making the appointment Government have to take into consideration the suitability of a person for the post. There is no academical qualification prescribed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): May I know whether the Government could not find a man from the State itself who possesses the qualification required for holding the post of the Superintendent of the Guest House?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): In the matter of selecting a candidate for the post of the Superintendent of the guest house, one has to take into consideration the fact that he will have to look after the linen, furniture, etc., in the guest house and the general up-keep of the building. Also he will have to be conversant with the catering arrangements and he should have a fairly good experience in these matters. Government looked into this question and they selected a man who has been for 20 years past in charge of linen, furniture and such work with a premier firm in Madras, viz., Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co. That is the reason why he was appointed as Superintendent.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Could you not find one in Cochin who will look after the furniture, linen, etc.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): We can't find a man with this experience, i. e., the experience of looking after furniture, linen, etc. in the proper manner.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Is he given free quarters?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Were any applications called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The claims of several persons were considered and he was considered suitable for the post.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know the number of applications received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): How is he competent for the post?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Hellein is an Anglo-Indian and he had opportunities of knowing the details of catering arrangements in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Am I to understand that it is on that presumption that the Government made that appointment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No presumption. The Government were satisfied that he will be able to do the work satisfactorily.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Were applications called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether Mr. Hellein severed his connection with Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Is he appointed here permanently?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No. Only for five years.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Is this pay of Rs. 150 personal or for the post?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): He has been appointed only for a term of 5 years and during that period he will be paid Rs. 150.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Why was he appointed so early as 1st September when the building is not completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): He has to look after the preliminaries.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): What is he doing now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): He is arranging the several things and attending to the purchases, etc.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Has not the Government taken into consideration his age when the appointment was made? Do they consider the age when appointments are made generally?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): It is not a pensionable job. It is only a temporary arrangement for 5 years.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know whether the Government made enquiries of his service for 30 years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Was he employed in Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co., when he was drafted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it not a fact that Messrs. Wrenn Bennet & Co., went into liquidation before he was drafted?

Mr. President: That is why he was drafted. (*Laughter*).

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): Is he a Cochinite?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTIONS, ETC.—COMMUNICATION OF NAMES OF MEMBERS TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

13. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they reveal the names or constituencies of the members of the Council who put questions or send resolutions